



Population Health Webinar notes

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There is one training left to provide our stakeholders updates to the disease and condition reporting, isolation and quarantine, and rabies control regulations.

As mentioned previously, there will be two separate courses offered on KS-TRAIN; the first will review the changes to the reportable disease list, timeframes to report, specimen submission guidelines, and mandated reporting; the second course will review the changes to the isolation and quarantine regulation and the rabies control regulation. You may sign up for one or both depending on your role and interest. Continuing education credits (CME, CNE, CEU/CE, and PACE) will be provided for these trainings. These trainings are meant for physicians, nurses, physician assistants, LHD and hospital administrators, laboratorians, and local health department staff. These are free, in-person trainings.

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This first table shows the last scheduled training that will go over the changes to the regulations, reporting requirements, and specimen submission requirements.

The second table shows the last scheduled training that will go over the changes to isolation and quarantine and rabies control.

There last training will be held in Great Bend, Kansas on Wednesday, September 5.

You will need to have or set-up a KS-TRAIN account to register for these sessions.

The course numbers are listed by the titles in these tables.

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We are close to posting a new Disease Investigation Guideline for investigating carbon monoxide poisoning cases. CO became reportable when the new regulations went into effect.

KDHE epidemiologists will investigate all CO poisoning cases unless your local health department OPTS OUT. If you would like to conduct your own investigations, please email Jaime Gabel at Jaime.Gabel@ks.gov.

When we receive a report of a suspected carbon monoxide poisoning, we will investigate if the incident is non-fire related AND accidental AND the exposure took place at a public location.

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West Nile virus is the most common mosquito borne disease in Kansas and the United States. The *Culex* species are the primary vector for West Nile virus in Kansas and the United States.

The latest data have all regions of Kansas except North East at high risk for human West Nile infection, which means many people may get infected with WNV in these areas.

Mosquito surveillance continues this year in Reno, Sedgwick, and Shawnee counties. In addition, we collect mosquito surveillance data from three additional partners throughout the state.

Two veterinary cases of WNV infection have been identified in Kansas in Riley and Seward counties.

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KDHE in collaboration with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism put out a media release last week regarding bat and rabies due to an increase in the number of people calling about finding bats in their homes.

The release brings attention to the potential risk for rabies if a person is exposed to a bat and what to do if a person is exposed, but also discusses the benefits bats provide for the ecosystem and how to safely capture a bat if needed to limit exposure.

The release also has some good information about situations where a person might be considered exposed to rabies.

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KDHE, other state public health agencies, and the National Center for Health Statistics will be releasing census tract life expectancy data in early September.

This will be the life expectancy for persons at birth and for different age groups. This will enable health departments and others to use the information for community health assessment and planning.

The Bureau of Public Health Informatics is planning a pre-release discussion of the data, and the NCHS methods used to create the data. Look for a separate email via the local health department KRHIS List with the date and time of the orientation to life expectancy results.

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Kansas Information for Communities has been updated to include:

- 2017 birth data,
- 2017 death data,
- 2017 hospital discharge (diagnosis and procedures),
- 2017 pregnancy data, and
- 2017 population data.
- URL is <http://kic.kdheks.gov/index.html>.

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Portions of the Annual summary are being posted on line as they are completed.

Sections now online for 2017:

- Live births
- Abortion, Fetal, Infant, and Maternal Mortality
- Population, and
- Marriage and Marriage Dissolution.

The URL is <http://www.kdheks.gov/phi/index.htm>